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**FELON CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF MULTIPLE
FIREARMS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MICHAEL S. VAUGHT, 33, of Paoli, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for felon in possession of a firearm and possession of a sawed-off shotgun, following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, the Indiana State Police and the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

The indictment alleges that VAUGHT possessed five different firearms, including a sawed-off shotgun, after he had been convicted of felony burglary on three different occasions. The possession is alleged to have occurred in Orange and Martin counties in October and December of 2004.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, VAUGHT faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Evansville.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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